

REMARKS

With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 3 and 5 to thereby rewrite claim 5 in independent form. Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been cancelled and claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 3. Claims 8-22 have been cancelled.

In the Final Office Action, claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to represent claim 5 written in independent form. As such, claim 1 and claims 4, 6, and 7, which depend therefrom, are in form for allowance.

In light of the above remarks, claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are patentable over Murphy. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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